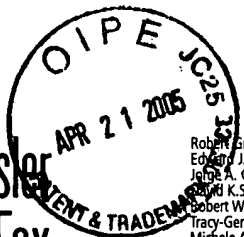
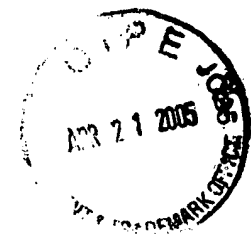




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Mail Stop: Amendment

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Thermostable Reverse Transcriptases and Uses Thereof**
Inventors: Smith *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.5040001/RWE/HCC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Statement of Substance of Examiner Interview; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

The Examiner left a voice message with the Applicant's representative, Robert W. Esmond, on March 23, 2005. Pursuant to the Interview Summary mailed March 31, 2005, which directs Applicant to file a statement of the interview within one month from the date of the interview, or the mailing date of the interview summary form, whichever is later, Applicant submits herewith such a statement.

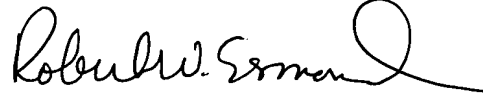
Applicant and Applicant's representative wish to thank Examiner Jeffrey Fredman for the voice message that was left with the undersigned Applicant's representative on March 23, 2005.

In the voice message left by the Examiner, the Examiner discussed the scope of independent claim 2. The Examiner indicated that if the Applicant chose to amend claim 2, then certain dependent claims would need to be cancelled. However, if the Applicant

chose not to amend claim 2, then the Examiner would likely enter a rejection under
35 U.S.C. § 112.

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